

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

The amendments to the specification correct minor errors incorporated during preparation of the application without introducing new matter. Entry is solicited.

Amendments to Claims

Claims 24-28, now canceled, were rejected under section 102(a) as anticipated by Fijten, Patent No. 6,113,440.

The '440 reference discloses a stamp formed contact 5 which establishes an electrical connection with a contact face 13 on a substrate. The contact has a contacting region 7.

"The contact element 5 has, in the contacting region 7, two convexities 9, located at a distance from one another." (Column 3, line 15-16)

As illustrated in figures 4, 4a and 8, the "convexities 9" are elongate convex ribs formed in the center of two elongate portions of element 5 at the contacting region 7. The drawing clearly illustrate that the convexities 7 are located in the center of these two strips and remote from the edges of the strips.

The '440 patent does not disclose electrical connections at shear-formed rounded corners of an edge and an adjacent contact surface.

New claims 38-52 are directed to contacts with first and second contact points at shear-formed rounded edge corners. This type of contact is particularly adapted to be formed from very thin strip metal stock having a thickness of about 0.0017 inches.

Applicant submits that the '440 patent does not anticipate the claims as presented and that claims 38-52 are in condition for allowance. Such favorable action is solicited.

Formal Drawings

The application was filed with informal drawings. Formal drawings are enclosed for approval and entry. Such favorable action is solicited.

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